### FICE 1624 Kahsay Habte 0284115 M# | Clien Fig. Inhibitors of Metalloprotein as a series of me NITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMA OFFICE Group Art Unit Inventor(s): **Howard Tucker** Examiner: Appln. No.: 09 980.593 Atty. Dkt. Series Code 个 Serial No. 个 Filed: December 4, 2001 Appln. Title: Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTE Date: This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto. FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED 1. Small Entity claim For B & C A. X NOT made Claims Highest number Present Extra Large/Small Entity Additional Fee Code See Required B. Withdrawn remaining after previously paid for Fee Separate Paper C. made herewith amendment Lg/Sm (Pat-256) D. $\square$ made previously 2. Total Effective Claims 103/203 13 \*\*minus 20 0 x \$18/\$9 =+ \$0 3. Independent Claims 6 \*\*\*minus 6 0 + \$0 102/202 x \$84/\$42 =4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) ...... add + \$280/\$140 = + \$0 104/204 . . 5. Original due Date: March 11, 2003 NONE 6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due \$110/\$55 = (1 mo) 115/215 116/216 date to cover the date this response is filed for which the \$410/\$205 = + \$0 (2 mos) 117/217 requisite fee is attached (3 mos) \$930/\$465 = 118/218 \$1,450/\$725= (4 mos) 128/228 \$1,970/\$985= (5 mos) 7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract - \$0 **Extension Fee** + \$0 9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee ...... 148/248 + \$110/\$55 + \$0 + \$180 126 + \$0 126 or if Rule 97(d) Request ...... add + \$180 11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) 146/246 + \$750/370 + \$0 12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)..... x \$750/375 ea + \$0 149/249

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# HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

MAR 0 7 2003

Howard Tucker

Application Serial No. 09/980,593

Filed: December 4, 2001

Title: Inhibitors of Metalloproteinases

Confirmation No. 6323

Group Art Unit: 1624

Examiner: Kahsay Habte

## RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action [Restriction/Election Requirement] dated February 11, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse Group III, Claims 1-12 where B is pyridine and A is piperazine.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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